

SHOT AT DOORWAY: Prominent Benton Township Farmer Parker Dukesherer, 69, was shot about 1 a.m. Sunday at the doorway of his bedroom (above) when roused by his wife's cries after a masked, armed intruder entered their unlocked home. Dukesherer suffered a head wound, and his wife, Hazel, 70, a bruised face and neck. The assailant fled and was still at large today. The rug in the photo covers a pool of blood. (Staff photo)

POLICE ARREST 41 DURING 2 NIGHTS OF DISTURBANCES

Incident At Bar Touches Off Crowd

Rock Throwers And Arsonists Get Into Act

By JIM SHANAHAN
BH City Editor

A second consecutive night of violence in Benton Harbor was marked by fire bombings and a barrage of rocks tossed at cars along the city's east side Sunday evening and early today.

The home of Municipal Judge Elizabeth Forhan was firebombed for the second time this year. Sunday night's attack burned a chair and rug, filling the house with smoke and causing slightly more damage than a bombing last April in the aftermath of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Also hit by fire was the office of Justice of the Peace Leo (Doe) Price at 904 Territorial road, Benton township. Firemen called it possible arson with extensive damage to the interior.

VARIOUS FIRES

Four other fires of incendiary origin were reported in the city. Fire bombs ignited floor tile at Benton Harbor junior high school, a house at 310 Colby street was scarred by fire bombs; a vacant house at 166 South Fair avenue was damaged extensively; and Superior Food Services, 400 Highland avenue, received slight damage to its roof from a fire bomb.

Benton township firemen said a door at Royal Blue store, 101 South Fair avenue, was burned slightly. Siding was damaged on a home at 150 Cornelia street when a bottle of gas was smashed.

Two bottles of gas and fuel oil were found in the yard of Mayor Wilbert Smith, whose home also was a target for fire bombers in April.

No injuries or looting were reported Sunday night. Six persons were arrested Sunday night compared to 35 in a series of disturbances that began shortly after midnight Saturday and continued for three hours.

ROVING BANDS

Violence Sunday night was committed while small bands roamed the Negro area of the city, concealing themselves behind trees and bushes.

When groups collected, they were under police order to disperse or go to jail. About 100 policemen patrolled the city and township last night with 150 state troopers in reserve.

Part of Fair avenue was closed to traffic because of rock-throwing. Merchants heeded police advice to close early.

The disturbances early Sunday morning involved crowds estimated by police as high as 500 persons. They collected near a tavern at 161 East Main street after a disputed fracas during which blows were exchanged between a Negro youth and the owner of Babe's lounge, among others. Patrons are mostly white but non-white patrons are also regularly served.

Negroes attending a dance at the Tri-Cap youth center in the next block converged on the tavern. Under police orders, they slowly moved east on Main street to Morton park where bottles and rocks were thrown at police cars.

CROWD GATHERS

The crowd then went to Main and Fair avenue on the city limits where about 200 congregated on the street and in the driveway of a service station. Most of the arrests were made here, including Maurice Bishop, 36, head of the Benton Harbor branch of the Southern Christian Leadership conference, who was charged as a disorderly person and with resisting arrest.

Police said they arrested one Jackson man who fired a pistol out the window of a car in the vicinity of the Johnson shooting.

Several rock and bottle throwing incidents were also reported in the area, resulting in a few arrests.

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BOMBED AGAIN: Benton Harbor Municipal Judge Elizabeth Forhan (right) smiles courageously after her home at 428 Maple street was hit Sunday by fire bomb for second time this year. Miss Forhan fought fire herself just as she did last time. With Miss Forhan is her cousin, Mrs. Grace Murphy.



OFFICER STRUCK: Benton Harbor Sgt. Jack Weatherly was struck by a missile while attempting to control crowd at Main street and Fair avenue. Weatherly is assisted by unidentified officer, Sheriff Henry Gries and Capt. Keith Mills. Weatherly, just recovering from a broken wrist sustained in an accident at home, was bruised in the groin.



QUESTIONED ABOUT GUN: Deputy Sheriff Edward Whitfield holds pistol that fell to sidewalk during incident in downtown Benton Harbor city Det. Ronald H. Smith (right) questions Wendell G. Porter, 32, of 415 Foster avenue who was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon.



BACK PORCH BLAZE: A small fire burned at the rear of Judge Forhan's house as arsonists also attacked the front with a fire bomb. (Staff photos)



COURT RECORDS BURNED: Apparent arson at the office of St. Joseph township Justice of the Peace Leo Price caused most of his court records to burn and considerable fire and smoke damage to the rest of the building at 904 Territorial road, Benton township. Firemen said there was evidence of forceable entry. Justice Price said he may set up office in the vacant building at 900 Territorial road a building he once used as a hardware store. (Staff photo)

Intruder Shoots Benton Grower

Dukesherer In 'Fair' Condition



Elderly Woman Hit By Assailant

A prominent Benton township fruit farmer, Parker E. Dukesherer, 69, lay in "fair" condition early today in South Bend Memorial hospital with a head wound after a masked intruder shot him and struck his wife in their home about 1 a.m. Sunday.

Dukesherer, of route 2, box 462, Highland avenue, was wounded at the doorway of his bedroom when he faced an intruder who had entered the unlocked home and roused Dukesherer's wife, Hazel, 70, from her bed in a separate bedroom nearby, Benton township police said.

EMPTY SHELL FOUND

Dukesherer was shot in the face and a spent .22-caliber cartridge case was discovered in the hallway separating the two bedrooms, according to Patrolmen James Lester and Thomas Carnegie.

The intruder, a thin man in gray work clothes with a handkerchief over his face, fled out the front door and could not

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REMARK BLASTED

No Need For God Says Prince Philip

WALLASEY, England (AP)—An Anglican curate accused Prince Philip Sunday of talking "the most arrogant nonsense I have heard for many a year."

Queen Elizabeth's husband, speaking last week at a conference on "The Countryside in 1970," said mankind is now in a position to dominate nature with synthetic materials and spare part surgery. Mankind has made itself independent of God, he said, adding, "It is not arrogant to say this. It is realism."

But the Rev. Bernard Elsdon told his congregation of 150 at St. Hilary's Parish Church:

"It is my opinion it was not realistic—it was arrogant. Twice in his speech Prince Philip used the word dominate. Is this a power complex, I wonder? Does the Duke really put God in a back seat as he seems to?"

The curate said he felt it his duty as a Christian minister to condemn the Prince's views.

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Editorial Page

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Violence Is Free Flowing

When angered, an Englishman by custom works out his aggression by reaching for a pen so that he can write a stinging letter to the London Times. Incidents involving physical violence are uncommon, indeed, in the British Isles. The fear now is that growing violence around the world will spill over to England.

Students at Oxford recently scuffled with police in an uncharacteristic defiance of uniformed authority. In a subsequent poll by the London Evening Standard, 48 per cent of those questioned said it was

Good Neighbors

It's a good thing for France that her Common Market partner countries are not headed by men like De Gaulle.

France is in a very tight financial spot right now, and has had to institute some economy measures to combat inflation. Among them are some new import controls which violate Common Market agreements.

The five other Common Market countries are accepting these controls, although the measures are going to hurt them.

While the five countries feel that France is going overboard in making the controls too stringent, they fear that without import controls, France would have to devalue the franc. That would cause worldwide repercussions.

So, in the interest of French and world economy, Germany, Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg are going along with the French plan.

If one of those countries were headed by DeGaulle, he would not have been guided by such altruistic considerations. He would have shrugged, said it was the other country's own fault for getting in such a mess, and held out for plans that would have meant the most benefit to this own country.

De Gaulle did it with the United States as Washington wrestled with the balance of payments; he did it with Britain when it devalued the pound.

The other Common Market countries are doing the right thing, of course. Isn't De Gaulle fortunate that his neighbors don't do as he says, or does?

Youth's Impact

Salesmen, Madison Avenue soothsayers, and market analysts take note: The government says you are pointing your talents in the wrong direction. It is not the housewife, the homeward bound husband or the weekend shopper who accounts for consumer sales. It is the inhabitant of classrooms, the person who has not yet stepped into the world of reality and work who controls the pursestrings.

Men still stop at the neighborhood store on their way home from work and women haven't stopped shopping for new hats and dresses, but the ranks of workers are in danger of being overtaken by those of school age. More than one of every four Americans heads for the classroom each morning instead of the factory, the office or the store.

The balance is expected to continue to tip in favor of youth and the student in the years ahead.

Government economists, fascinated by the economic impact of the student, have produced comprehensive statistics and estimates to prove what appears to be their contention that the nation is changing from a working population to one largely dedicated to the pursuit of theory and fact. They may be right.

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Twin City
News

BENTON MAN, 21, KILLED IN HEAD-ON CRASH

Counseling Center For Remodelers



HIGHLAND HOUSE: This is the former Women's Christian Temperance Union house at 662 Highland avenue, Benton Harbor, which has been taken over by the Whirlpool corporation for establishment of an experimental program of neighborhood counseling. In purchasing the old dwelling and extensively remodeling with inexpensive materials, Whirlpool hopes to show how other persons may do the same thing with other "core city" houses. Whirlpool will provide counseling services on remodeling homes. The upstairs of the old WCTU home has been turned into an apartment that will house families while their homes are being remodeled. (Staff photos)



WOODWORK RETAINED: Whirlpool secretary Sally Sadlon stands on the ornate stairway at the Highland House. Much of the woodwork in the former Women's Christian Temperance Union home was retained and put back into first-class shape when Whirlpool remodeled the building to serve as a neighborhood counseling center.



COUNSELING ROOM: Charles Joseph, manager of the Whirlpool Corporation's new Highland House counseling service at 662 Highland avenue, Benton Harbor, talks with Benton Harbor City Commissioner Virgil May. Joseph will tell people how they can remodel their homes inexpensively.



BATHROOM MODERNIZED: Old plumbing fixtures in the bathroom at the former WCTU home have been replaced with modern fixtures. Charles Joseph points to a set of before and after pictures on display in the room.



SHOWS OFF KITCHEN: Ruby White, secretary for the Whirlpool Corporation at Highland House, shows off the kitchen in the newly-remodeled structure to Whirlpool public relations representative Bill Kucera who Saturday attended an open house at the center.



STYLISH APARTMENT: Highland House manager Charles Joseph shows the upstairs apartment in the neighborhood counseling center established by the Whirlpool Corporation at 662 Highland avenue, Benton Harbor. Families can live in the apartment while their homes are being remodeled.

UNINJURED

Boy Struck In Eye By Stray BB

Rejean Reeves, 14, of Box 394 Coloma, is a very lucky boy. Saturday evening Rejean was struck in the eye by a BB which bounced off a tree at the William Yow residence, in Riverdale.

Berrien county sheriff's deputies said Mitch Yow, 15, shot the BB, which lodged inside Rejean's right eye lid. Rejean was taken to Watervliet Community hospital where the BB was removed with no apparent eye damage resulting.



STEVEN L. HARDY

Six Other Persons Injured

Collision Occurs Near The Homes Of Both Drivers

A 21-year-old Benton township man was killed and six members of a Benton family who lived within two miles of him were injured in an apparent head-on two-car crash near their homes shortly before 10 p.m. Saturday.

Dead was the driver of one car, Steven Lavon Hardy, 21, of 2197 Butler drive. Injured were the other driver, Victor Dean Smith, 32, of 3575 Shortridge road, his wife and four of their children.

Benton township Patrolmen Michael Bowie and Charles Brooks said the collision occurred in the township on Benton Center road about 400 yards south of Red Arrow highway, and that the condition of the two sedans indicated a head-on crash.

The patrolmen said no skid marks were evident and that it was impossible shortly after the crash to determine the direction the two sedans were traveling.

Both were complete losses, they said.

Mr. Hardy was pronounced dead on arrival at Memorial hospital in St. Joseph. Smith and his wife, Vera, 31, were admitted to Memorial and later transferred to Memorial hospital in South Bend where this morning they were reported in critical condition.

Their children, Michael, 11, Mark, 6, Karen, 5 and Victor, 2, all were admitted at Mercy hospital in Benton Harbor and listed in fairly good condition.

A spokeswoman at Mercy said Michael suffered a broken arm; Mark was admitted for observation; Karen suffered a broken wrist; and Victor suffered face cuts.

Benton township patrolmen said the number and condition of the persons involved in the crash made it impossible to interview them shortly after the crash. The investigation was to continue.

Steven L. Hardy was born Feb. 21, 1948 in St. Joseph, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Hardy. On Feb. 26, 1966 he married Sandra Craig in Las Vegas, Nev. She survives.

Surviving besides his widow are his parents; one brother Andre V. and a sister Shelia; his grandparents, Mrs. Buna Hardy and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shearer.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Florida funeral home. The Rev. L. I. Ricketts, pastor of the Coloma Church of God, will officiate. Burial will be in Crystal Springs Memorial Park.

Friends may call at the funeral home.

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**AUTO DEATH
IN BERRIEN
COUNTY IN
1968**

Nichols, Billups Advance In Rank

Promotions of two firemen were announced today by Benton Harbor Fire Chief Ralph Hetherington.

Richard Nichols goes from Lieutenant to the rank of captain and duty as the city's fire marshal in charge if inspection. John Billups is advanced to lieutenant from firefighter.

Hetherington also announced that Daniel Russell, 24, of St. Joseph, has joined the department as a fire fighter. He brings the department up to authorized strength of 38 men, chief and secretary.

The promotions follow the retirement two weeks ago of Chief Maurice Shepherdson.

Nichols, 40, is an 18-year veteran of the department. He and his wife, Bonnie, are the parents of two daughters. They live at 735 Superior street.

Billups, 37, joined the department in 1957. He lives at 381 John street with his wife, Earlean and two sons.



RICHARD NICHOLS



JOHN BILLUPS

Road Sign Is Missing, Cars Collide

Berrien Crashes Hospitalize Two

Two persons were admitted to Twin Cities area hospitals over the weekend with injuries resulting from auto accidents.

LISTED IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION this morning at Watervliet Community hospital was Valeria P. Vann, 26, of Route 3, box 158A, South Haven. She was injured Saturday night when her auto collided with a car driven by Judith Ann Lassiter, 23, of 407 Pavone street, Benton Harbor.

Berrien county sheriff Deputy Gary Mitchell said the accident occurred because someone removed the one-lane bridge warning signs on County Line road, in Watervliet township, near the Paw Paw river bridge. Also injured in the accident were Mrs. Vann's children, Ronda, 8, and Randall, 7. Passenger in Miss Lassiter's auto, Duane Houart, 20, of Route 1, Hartford, was treated and released from Watervliet Community hospital.

LINCOLN TWP. CRASH

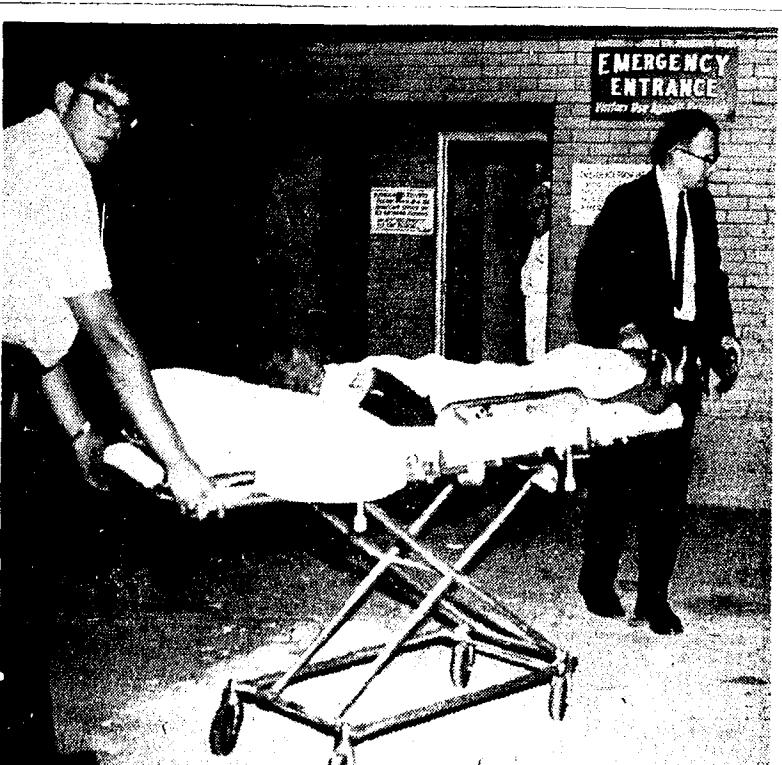
In another accident, Barbara Fae Wheeler, 36, of Stevensville, is listed in fair condition at Mercy hospital after a one car accident early Sunday morning on Ridge road in Lincoln township. Deputies said her car apparently went out of control.

Treated and released from Mercy hospital were Janice Shelby, 25, of route 2, Dowagiac, and her two children, Donald, 1, and Carl, 5. They were in a car which collided with an auto driven by Gerald Leroy Bishop, 32, of Route 1, Meadowbrook road, Benton Harbor. Deputies said the accident occurred Saturday morning at the corner of Meadowbrook and Hilldale roads, Benton township.

Motorcyclist Edward T. Carroll, 17, of route 3, Walkerton, Ind., was treated and released from Memorial hospital Sunday afternoon after an accident at the corner of State and Water streets, in St. Joseph. Police said Carroll took a spill on his motorcycle while turning a corner.

GUESTS FROM OHIO

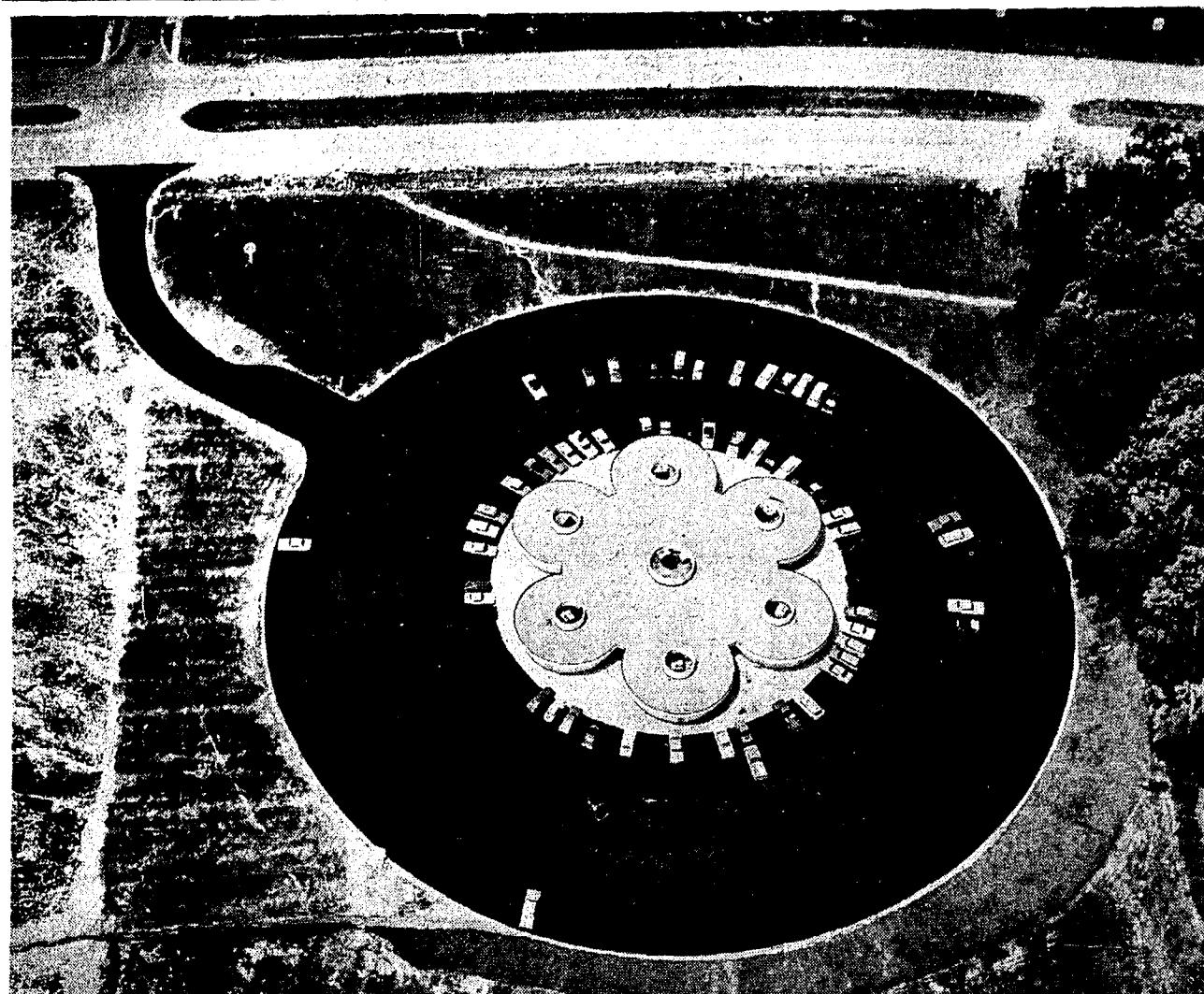
BUCHANAN — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bachman and daughter have returned to their home in Port Clinton, Ohio, after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bachman of 3335 West Bertrand road, and Mrs. Bachman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Amiel of 405 Moecasin avenue.



CHILDREN HURT IN CRASH: Two children of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Smith, of 2575 Shortridge road, Benton township, are wheeled into Benton Harbor Mercy hospital emergency room Saturday night after an apparent head-on two-car crash in the township that killed a 21-year-old township resident, Steven Hardy. Mr. and Mrs. Smith and two more of their children also were injured. (Staff photo)

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., MONDAY, JULY 22, 1968

AUG. 6 PRIMARY TO BE HELD AS SCHEDULED



GUESS WHAT? — This newspaper's flying photographer, Adolph Hann of Hartford, sighted strange things flying over Indiana recently. When he first saw this geometric pattern on the outskirts of Fort Wayne in northeast Indiana he asked Pilot Normal Wend-

zel of St. Joseph if he knew what it was. Wendzel didn't and called the Fort Wayne airport by radio to find out. It's a clinic, called—appropriately enough—"Doctors' Plaza." It's situated on US-30 on the northeast side of Fort Wayne, if anyone cares to check.

State Horsemen At Allegan Show

ALLEGAN — Thousands of spectators and horsemen convened at Allegan this weekend for the 23rd annual state horse show.

Over 700 entries in 118 classes came from all over Michigan as well as Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Vermont, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Canada.

Cash prizes as high as \$500 and trophies went to winners of speed and action, performance and halter classes.

The three-day event was sanctioned by the Michigan Association of Western Horse Clubs, Inc., and offered an English pleasure class for the first time.

Area residents who took first place prizes were: Wimpy's Showman owned by Jack Starbuck of St. Joseph; first place for AQHA geldings foaled in 1964 or before and AQHA champion gelding; Rafts Dhandi owned by Judy and Dan McGowan, Benton Harbor for registered half-Arabian at halter; G.R.'s Thunderbird owned by Eric Hauch of Coloma; Frisky owned by Deb Dunkam of Benton Harbor for open pony western saddle,

Charged In Death

DETROIT (AP) — A warrant has been issued charging a Detroit woman with the death of a 35-year-old visitor from Brantford, Ont., police said Sunday.

Alan Alford, 35, was found shot to death outside his hotel room Saturday. He had been visiting with a group of about 40 other members of a Canadian veterans organization, police said.

Two Of Our Staffers Re-Elected

Michigan Women's Press Club Meets

Mrs. Richard (Arlis) Derrick and Miss Noel Gersonde, staff writers for this newspaper, were re-elected president and secretary, respectively, of the Michigan Women's Press Club at the group's meeting over the weekend at Oakland University in Pontiac.

Mrs. Derrick's term is for two years and Miss Gersonde's term will expire in July of 1969.

Other officers serving under Mrs. Derrick include: Mrs. Marian Grattan, Jackson Citizen Patriot, first vice president; Mrs. Clark (Vern) Bullen, free lance writer and photographer, Portland, second vice president; and Mrs. Earl (Iris) Lawson, Macomb Daily, Mt. Clemens, treasurer.

Mrs. Margaret Demetrak, assistant editor of News-Tribune Publications, Keego Harbor, will serve as editor of Banner Line, the quarterly publication of the MWPC. She succeeds Mrs. Fred (Ellen) Gondeck of Niles.

Other features of the convention included workshops on layout and writing conducted by Mort Persky and Kurt Luedtke of the Detroit Free Press staff, and a concert featuring the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at the Meadow Brook Music Festival.

Main speaker at the noon luncheon at Oakland Center on Saturday was Fran Harris of WJW-Radio, TV in Detroit.

The meeting, held Friday through Sunday, was jointly sponsored by Oakland University and the Pontiac Press.

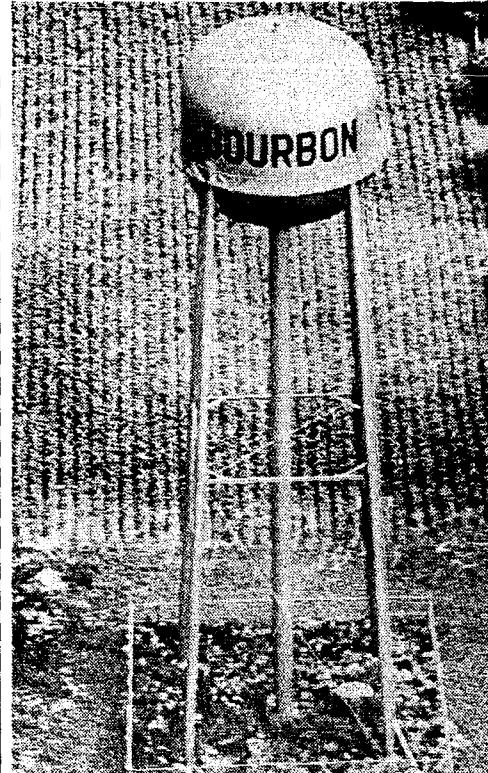
Candidates To Attend GOP Rally

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Republican candidates for Berrien county offices will meet citizens during a GOP rally, which will begin late Tuesday afternoon at Sportsman's park at Arden near here.

Ticket holders will be served a dinner beginning at 6 p.m., according to Mrs. Walter Fischer, publicity chairman for the event, sponsored by the Berrien County Women's Republican club.



STATE WINNER: Victor Roquette of Coloma and his horse Tucky Duby took second place for Appaloosa Western Pleasure Saturday during the three-day state horse show at Allegan. Horse also took fourth place ribbon at halter. Roquette raises horses as a hobby and owns the Twin City Beauty college. (Prosch-Jensen photo)



WHAT'S IN A NAME? — Returning from Fort Wayne to the Twin Cities, Photographer Hann and Pilot Wendzel did another take as they came across this storage tank in Marshall county, due south of South Bend. You're right — they didn't store whiskey that way. It's just the town water tower at Bourbon, Indiana.

CASS COUNTY

Man Hurt, Horse Killed In Weekend Crashes

CASSOPOLIS — A pedestrian was injured and a horse was killed in two separate traffic accidents investigated over the weekend by Cass county sheriff's deputies.

Injured about 1:30 a.m. today was Robert J. Contois, 20, who was walking along Redfield road near Edwardsburg. Contois, who resides on Redfield road, was taken to Elkhart general hospital for treatment of back and leg contusions, said deputies.

Deputies reported that the accident involved an auto operated by Jack Stockman, 49, Edwardsburg. Stockman told officers he saw two men walking on opposite sides of the road and then saw one cross the road, but did not see Stockman at the time of impact. No summonses have been issued.

The horse was reported killed about 9:58 p.m. Sunday, when it strayed onto M-40 near South Crystal Springs road in Pokagon township. Deputies listed the driver of the auto as Terry Gilliam, 18, route 2 Decatur. A passenger, Orin Hanan, 15, Decatur, was treated for bruises at Lee Memorial hospital, Dowagiac, and released. Deputies said it has not been determined who owned the horse.

High Court Clears Up Question

Uphold State Law Extending Term Of Township Officers

LANSING — A threat that all township offices would be thrown into this year's already-disturbed election routine has been removed by a Michigan Supreme Court ruling late last week.

The high court overturned an Oakland county ruling that could have forced postponement of the Aug. 6 primary.

Six justices of the Supreme Court held the Legislature was within its constitutional limits when it passed a law providing that township officers elected for two-year terms in 1966 could continue in office until November 1970.

Had the high court upheld the May ruling of Oakland County Circuit Judge William J. Beer, who declared the law was unconstitutional, it likely would have forced county election officials to reprint their ballots for the primary—now less than three weeks away—or could have forced postponement of the primary.

"I don't even want to contemplate what it would have meant if the Supreme Court had ruled the other way," one state elections division official said this morning.

For a time after Judge Beer's ruling, township officers across the state were being advised to be ready to file petitions to run for office this year.

The Supreme Court accepted a speedy appeal to its jurisdiction, however, and issued a temporary order staying the effectiveness of Judge Beer's decision until it could rule.

Under the legislative act, a certain few township offices are up for election this year. Trustees who were chosen to four-year terms in 1964 are up for election this year, and persons appointed to fill vacancies in township offices before June of this year must also run this year.

Rubber Co. Union Vote Is Delayed

Hearing Tuesday At South Haven

SOUTH HAVEN — A union certification vote at the idled South Haven Rubber Company has been postponed for a second time.

Dale Buoyce, personnel manager at the plant which has been strapped by a strike by members of the UAW Local 1425 since Feb. 2, reported that a controversy over which employees are eligible to vote in the election has forced postponement on the election originally stated for this Thursday.

The postponement was ordered by the National Labor Relations Board and instead a hearing has been set for Tuesday, July 30, at 10 a.m. in the city recreation building clear of the problem.

Another certification vote, scheduled for March 4, was cancelled after unfair labor practice charges were filed by several employees.

The current postponement was ordered by the NLRB in Washington following an appeal from the company.

Children To Register

BUCHANAN — Richard Dougherty, superintendent of the Buchanan Public schools, urges all new families in the Buchanan school district who have children of school age to register their children for classes as soon as possible so that the fall schedules may be determined.

All registrations are being taken at the high school building. Children of kindergarten through sixth grade are to register in Room 112, and those who will be in the seventh through 12th grades are to register at the office of Ellis May, assistant high school principal.

Dougherty said approximately 155 kindergarten will be entering kindergarten classes this fall.



RIFLE IS STOLEN: St. Joseph Patrolman Dennis Soucek, while on routine patrol Saturday, discovered not only the rifle missing from this World War I doughboy statue, but the hand holding the rifle and bayonet as well. The bronze doughboy located in lake bluff park, St. Joseph, has been the victim of pranks before, according to police. After the left hand and rifle were replaced following damage December 1965, the bayonet was snapped off the rifle in March 1966, police said. (Staff photo)

New Telephone Rate Petition

Bloom'dale Seeks To Offer Single-Party Service

BLOOMINGDALE — The Bloomingdale Telephone Co., Inc., has re-applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission to discontinue multi-party service and provide single-party service at an increased rate throughout its franchise area.

A hearing on the company's applications will be held in the hearing room of the Michigan Public Service Commission on Monday, July 29, at 10 a.m. in the Lewis Cass building in Lansing.

The company first applied to the commission in February and the request was denied by the Public Service Commission on June 20 on the grounds that rate for the new service was too low to guarantee financial stability of the company in the future.

The Bloomingdale Telephone company applied for a hearing on June 25, and amended the application on July 17 asking to either increase its rates for one-party business and one-party residence service; or to meter service for residents only.

The new rates, if approved by the commission, would not go into effect until the new service begins, which would be approximately one year after approval by the Public Service Commission.

Under the alternate proposal No. 1, present rates for a business one party is \$7.25 which would be changed to \$10.25 for unlimited local calls or an increase of \$3. Residence one party rates are now \$4.75 which would change to \$6.50 for unlimited local calls for an increase of \$1.75.

Under alternate proposal No. 2 present rates for business one party are \$7.25 per month which would be changed to \$10.50 for unlimited calls for an increase of \$3.25. Metered residence one-party service is not currently available. If the proposal is approved, cost for metered residence one party service would be \$5.75 per 50 calls or attempted calls per month with an additional 10 cents per call or attempt in excess of the 50 calls or attempts.

TEXAS TRIP

WATERVILLE — Evin V. Burton of Waterville recently visited his mother Mrs. Ada Lee Burton, and his brothers, Texas and Billie Burton, in Killean, Texas. He had not seen his family in 23 years.



New Buffalo Trooper Promoted

The promotion and transfer of Donald A. Sorenson of the New Buffalo post has been announced by Col. Frederick E. Davids, director of the Michigan State Police department.

Trooper Sorenson has been promoted from trooper to corporal and assigned to the Marquette posts in the Upper Peninsula.

He has been assigned to New Buffalo since 1960. Sorenson joined the state police in 1958 and was assigned to the Grand Haven post before coming to New Buffalo.

He was born Sept. 16, 1930, at Carney, Mich., where he was graduated from high school. He received a bachelor of science degree in commerce at Ferris State college and served 41 months in the Army, 31 of them in Europe. He and his wife have three children.

